

THE NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM

ANALYSIS OF PEDIATRIC QUALITY MEASURES FOR ASTHMA AND MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

CALL FOR MEASURES

In January, 2004, the National Quality Forum (NQF) convened a workshop, “Child Healthcare Quality Measurement and Reporting,” to recommend priority areas for child healthcare quality and to make recommendations on how an NQF project in child health care quality might be approached. In late 2004, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services provided funding to begin a review of measures in two pediatric areas—asthma and medication management—which could establish the foundation for both asthma and medication management measures to be considered as voluntary consensus standards if a full project matures. To supplement the evaluation of measures that were identified through a review of the literature for and since the workshop, NQF is soliciting candidate performance measures for pediatric asthma and pediatric medication management; both inpatient and outpatient measures are sought. To be included as part of the initial evaluation, candidate measures must meet the following general criteria:

- fully developed for use (e.g., research and testing have been completed);
- structure, process, or outcome; and
- open source or in the public domain.*

To be considered, all of the information provided on the “Measure Submission Form” provided with this notice must be submitted for each measure. Please submit the required information **by mail, fax, or courier** to NQF using the form on the next page.

All proposed measures must be submitted by **6:00pm, EST on February 28** to:

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Additionally, please note that no material will be accepted without a fully executed intellectual property agreement (attached)—all material will be returned.

* NQF has adopted a policy that requires any organization submitting a measure for endorsement to execute an intellectual property agreement that addresses disclosure of the measure’s proprietary components, including but not limited to specifications, risk adjustment methodologies, data collection instrument, data collection or analysis software, and database access. For details, see materials accompanying this announcement.